(b) under what criteria of Kelkar Committee report they are excluded from price control;

(c) whether it is a fact that partiality has been shown to the manufacturers of these products; and

(d) if so what steps have been taken to remedy the situation and give relief to the poor people?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (d) As per the provisions of DPCO, 1987 manufacturers of decontrolled drugs are free to revise the prices. However, Government is keeping a watch and has intervened, wherever found necessary.

(b) and (c) The Kelkar Committee adopted the following 5-criteria for exclusion of Drugs:

(i) Those which are not produced in India, provided that the consumption is not significent either now or in the near future.

(ii) Those whose turnover has been less than Rs. 50 lakhs in 1986.

(iii) All new drugs for which processes of manufacture were developed indigenously (at least for the first 5 years)

(iv) Those Life Saving Drugs and Pharmaceutical products whose availability is far more important than the price. The noticable examples of such categories are SERA and VACCINES.

(v) Those pharmecautical products of drugs where the domestic production structure is so competitive that there is little possibiilty that the consumer will be overcharged when compared to the cost of production. No partiality has been shown to any producers.

Import of Penicillin G/Penicillin V by producers of 6 APA

1566. SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD TRIPATHI:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of import of Penicillin G/Penicillin V allowed to 6 APA producers without lifting full quota of 30 per cent of indigenous Penicillin during 1987-88 and so far in 1988-89;

(b) what happens to the extra money made by these companies; and

(c) by when such money would be recovered?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (c) The import of Penicillin G is tagged with indigenous lifting. In 1987-88 the companies were required to lift the indigenous material first and then apply for imports. For 1988-89, in case of units who have been regular users of Penicillin G in 1987-88, imports and indigenous lifting are being allowed simultaneously. However, in the case of units who have not been regular users of Penicillin G in 1987-88, the indigenous lifting forms the basis for allowing imports. In case of Penicillin V import licence has been given to only one company so far and this company is also required to lift the corresponding indigenous component.

Prices of Dextropropoxy-phene

1567. SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) when his Ministry came to know that a Haryana-based company is overcharging the price of Dextropropoxyphene;

(b) when the show cause notice was issued to the company and with what reuslted;